## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

ST. LOUIS-KANSAS CITY CARPENTERS	)	
REGIONAL COUCNIL, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	Case No. 4:16-cv-01904 PLC
v.	)	
LEE'S CARPENTRY SERVICES, LLC,	)	
Defendant.	)	

## **JUDGMENT**

Plaintiffs filed this action on December 7, 2016, to recover from defendant Lee's Carpentry Services, LLC delinquent fringe benefit contributions and liquidated damages owed to the plaintiff benefit funds pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2) ("ERISA") and pursuant to the Labor Management Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. §185 ("LMRA"). Defendant has not appeared, and plaintiffs move for default judgment, submitting in support of their motion the affidavits of Juli Laramie and Greg A. Campbell.

Under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2) and §1145, and under the applicable collective bargaining agreement, defendant Lee's Carpentry Services, LLC owes \$81,794.98 in delinquent fringe benefit contributions, \$5,191.63 in liquidated damages and \$588.72 in interest. The collective bargaining agreements and ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), also require defendants to pay plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs. Plaintiffs incurred \$343.00 in attorneys' fees, and \$455.00 in court costs. Based on the evidence presented, the Court finds that the services performed by plaintiffs' attorneys were reasonable and necessary to the litigation of this case, that the rates charged were reasonable,

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and that the amount sought for attorneys' fees is reasonable. The total amount owed by defendant to plaintiffs is \$88,373.33.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiffs' motion for default judgment is granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment by default in favor of plaintiffs and against defendant Lee's Carpentry Services, LLC in the amount of \$88,373.33.

SO ORDERED:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 7th day of February, 2017.